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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [X] a Reply to Office Action;  
[ ] a Terminal Disclaimer; and [ ] a Supplemental Information  
Disclosure Statement to be filed in the above identified patent  
application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	1 - 20	* = 0	X	\$ 50	= \$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 - 3	** = 0	X	\$ 200	= \$ 0.00
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EXTENSION FEE

[X] The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [X] \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [ ] \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [ ] \$1,020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [ ] \$1,590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [ ] \$2,160.00 within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

[X] Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a [X] one-month extension of time; [ ] two-month extension of time; [ ] three-month extension of time; [ ] four-month extension of time; [ ] five-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated April 19, 2005. With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including August 19, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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